

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PAYMENT FOR INDIAN TROOPS
Mohite Shri Subodh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any discussion/negotiation has been held between the Union Government and the UN authorized representative regarding payment for troops and equipments contributed by India for various peace keeping operations in different countries;
- (b) If so, the likely amount to be paid by the U.N. to the Indian Government; and
- (c) The time by which this amount is likely to be received?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York holds regular discussions with U.N. authorities regarding payment by the U.N. for troops and equipment contributed by India to various U.N. peacekeeping operations. In addition, in order to resolve long-pending disputed accounts pertaining to four closed missions, a delegation of the Ministry of Defence held discussions with the U.N. from 27 January-5 February 2003, following which both sides came to an agreement on full and final settlement of the amounts due from the U.N.

(b) & (c): A total amount of over U.S. \$ 2.6 million was paid to India following the above discussions. An amount of over U.S. \$ 18 million is pending for payment, which will be paid once Member States pay their outstanding contributions for the Missions.